



## **Introduction to IRC**

The IRC Rating Rule has been in continuous use for over 30 years and was recognised by World Sailing as an International Rating System in 2002. It is administered jointly by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) Rating Office in Great Britain and the Union National pour la Course au Large (UNCL) Centre de Calcul in France.

IRC policy is to protect the existing IRC fleet while at the same time encouraging innovation consistent with stability, rounded performance, seaworthiness and safety. These consistently applied policies have resulted in a world fleet in excess of 6000 boats in over 30 countries on all 6 continents.

IRC was the first rating rule to keep the calculation of ratings unpublished to protect boats becoming obsolete overnight due to design developments. IRC also accepts owner declared data obviating the need for official measurement and reducing cost and inconvenience to owners. Both of these long standing practices will be maintained into the future.

IRC accepts virtually all monohulls keelboats. IRC fleets include classic yachts traditional and modern cruiser racers through the latest hi-tech race boats with boats of all shapes and sizes winning races.

For more information go to [www.ircrating.org](http://www.ircrating.org) and [www.rorcrating.com](http://www.rorcrating.com)